

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Wednesday, 2 November 2016
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes from October 4, 2016. Approved with edits.
3. Communications Received:
 - Request for sign off for demolition of garage at 53 Fountain Road. The property is not on the Inventory and sign off was sent to the Building Department.
 - Question regarding the hearing for 122 Claremont Avenue.
 - Message forwarded to the Arlington Historic District Commission regarding 20 Jason Street.
 - Request for documents regarding 78-80 Decatur Street from architect researching this property.
 - Call regarding 28 Draper Avenue (on the Inventory) from a realtor wanting to know the restrictions.
 - Message from Kathy Conley regarding plans to renovate 187 Forest Street.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Two loan applications have been received.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Lecture series continues with House-Moving: New Motivations For Saving Old Homes with Bob Fredieu and Jonathan Nyberg on November 29, 2016.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
 - d. ATED- Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee (Guthrie)- Nothing to report.
 - e. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Many preliminary applications are being reviewed.
 - f. Arlington Cultural District Commission (Meister)- Nothing to report.
- Historical Commission FY 2016 Budget – Nothing to report.
5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. Whittemore Robbins House Cottage 6/13 Guthrie - Nothing to report.
 - b. 61 Brantwood Road 7/15 Stange- Nothing to report.
 - c. 42 Henderson Street 10/15 Schaefer- No report.
 - d. 252 Gray Street 2/16 Guthrie- Making progress.
 - e. 1210 Massachusetts Avenue 3/16 Schaefer- No report.

- f. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order.
- g. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 8/16 Stange- Nothing to report.
- h. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- i. 22 Williams Street, 10/16 Robinson- Moving forward quickly
- j. 18 Kensington Street- Stop Work Order

It was determined at this meeting that a monitor is no longer required for the projects at 1173 Massachusetts Avenue, 38 Kensington Park and 1167 Massachusetts Avenue.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson –.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers- Inquire about paint color used for signs. 38 Russell Place Plaque delivered.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – Working.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

8:02pm- 122 Claremont Avenue. Sal Pinchero, Contractor from SPJ Construction Company presented plans.

The Arlington Historical Commission held a hearing on November 2, 2016 to review proposed changes to the exterior of 22 Claremont Avenue. This property is listed on the Arlington Historical Commission Inventory of Significant Properties. At the hearing a quorum of the Commission voted unanimously to authorize repairs to the garage as follows. The siding will be removed and the damaged framing will be repaired. New wood clapboards to match the original will be installed. The trim and fascia boards will be replaced with Azec PVC with the same dimensions as the original. Five double hung windows will be replaced with Harvey Tribute vinyl, double-hung windows with simulated divided light, six over six lights to match original.

A new vent on the front and back gable end of the garage will be installed. The style will be selected in consultation with the Historical Commission monitor.

The side door will be repaired and replaced, if needed, with a new wooden door to match the original.

Any other exterior changes to the building must be communicated to the Commission monitor for approval. Eric Stange, Commissioner, will be the monitor for this project.

8:30pm- 187 Forest Avenue- Kathy Conley present.

Ms. Conley purchased the property in 2004 and plans to replace the siding and windows.

It was determined at this meeting that additional information is required to complete this hearing. A motion was made to continue the hearing on site with the contractor. This hearing ended at 9:09pm.

9:10pm 18 Kensington Street Paul Dalton and Alan Simao- owners present.

A stop work order was put into effect due to the demolition of the exterior and removal of windows without proper permitting being obtained from the Building Department. Chair JoAnn Robinson, will meet with the Town Counsel to discuss this situation and what fines or delays may be put in place.

On December 6, 2016 this hearing will be continued for 18 Kensington Street at 8:00pm.

Old Business:

New Business:

Discussion about Kathleen Fox

Jonathan Nyberg shared information about the House History Binders she creates. Kathleen researches the history of houses for homeowners.

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be December 6, 2016.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.